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1. Beginning on 19 October 1953, the Hindenburg Kaserne in Plauen was occupied to capacity by about 800 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 29 October, about 30 to 40 troops wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage were trucked to the upper railroad station in Plauen and went to Gera aboard an express train. They had been accompanied to the station by a number of troops who stayed in Plauen. Little training was observed in the installation between 20 and 29 October. Activities observed included maintenance work, filling of straw mattresses and, daily between 9 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., march practice. \_\_\_\_\_ a shed was occupied by recruits. Trucks were seen en route to and from the installation.

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2. Beginning on 19 October, the Koenig-Georg Kaserne was occupied by about 350 troops. A one-story wooden building on brick foundation, about 20 meters long, 4.5 meters wide and about 4.5 meters high, was under construction in the north section of the barracks installation. Between 20 and 29 October, \_\_\_\_\_ did not observe any training activity. A number of troops were seen cleaning 4 x 76-mm AT guns. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. On 29 October, the Kirchbach Kaserne was occupied by about 90 to 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 80 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 22 October, a number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at a party in the barracks area. \_\_\_\_\_ the antenna between the two 8-meter masts of radio truck \_\_\_\_\_ in the northeastern corner of the installation had been dismantled. The radio truck mounted only one rod antenna, 8 meters high. \_\_\_\_\_ did not observe any training in the barracks area between 20 and 29 October.

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4. On 29 October, the former post hospital was occupied by about 80 to 100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. \_\_\_\_\_ did not observe any training within the barracks area. \_\_\_\_\_

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troops stationed there were equipped with automatic weapons, including self-loading rifles and submachine guns, and were employed in guard duty at the zonal border. Trucks occupied by troops were [redacted] seen leaving the camp toward the zonal border. About 17 sedans and jeeps, which, however, were hardly ever used, were in the installation. Six heavy overhead field-wire lines led toward the zonal border, with 2 lines branching off about 400 meters north of Strassberg and extending northward as far as the radar station on Earthuegel (hill).

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5. On 28 October, billeting equipment was trucked to the lower railroad station from the town komendatura at the intersection of Guterberg Strasse and Senefelder Strasse. Jeep [redacted] driven by a civilian, and a woman soldier wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were repeatedly seen in front of the komendatura.

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6. [redacted] about 3,000 troops were stationed at the Flauen post. The number of woman soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and, sometimes, civilian clothes, had increased to an estimated 45 to 50 women. They were employed in the officers' club in the Koenig-Georg Kaserne and in the officers' billets.

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